

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
March 24, 2005

President Orville Knott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office at 102 North Main Avenue, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Managers Orville Knott, Vernon Johnson, Allan Carlson, Arnold Stanley, Dale M. Nelson and Gene Tiedemann. Absent Lee Coe. Staff present were Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak, and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The board reviewed the agenda. Administrator Jesme requested that the John Weiland of Orofino, Idaho, land acquisition be addressed. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board add the request and approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of March 10, 2005. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Carlson that the Board approve the minutes of March 10, 2005. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated March 23, 2005.

Dan Wilkens, Administrator, Sand Hill Watershed District (SHRWD), and RLWD Engineering Assistant Loren Sanderson, came before the board to request a boundary change between SHRWD and the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) in the vicinity of RLWD Project No. 43B, Burnham Creek. Mr. Wilkens felt the RLWD should clear a boundary dispute before the final benefited area is set on a new project the SHRWD has in the final stages of planning. Mr. Wilkens asked that the Board work with the landowners in the area to assist in changing some culverts, using the RLWD's technical and financial help to get this accomplished. It was the consensus of the Board that Administrator Jesme, Engineering Assistant Sanderson, and Manager Tiedemann meet with landowners in the project area affected by the RLWD and define the goals requested by SHRWD and report the results at the next board meeting.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 05010 from Woodside Township, Township Clerk Loree Bruggeman, Polk County; No. 05012 from Garden Valley Telephone, several townships, Red Lake County and No. 05013, Wendell Tieglund, Goodridge Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

A one year extension was requested by Beltrami County Highway Department for RLWD Permit No. 04012. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the one year extension of Permit No. 04012 issued to Beltrami County. Motion carried.

A brochure for the Seventh Annual Joint Conference of RRWMB and Red River Flood Damage Reduction Work Group workshop to be held on March 31, 2005 at Northland Inn in Crookston was distributed. Also a brochure for the April 6 Erosion Control Workshop hosted by the RRWMB at the C'Mon Inn in Thief River Falls was distributed.

At 10:00 a.m., the bids were opened for RLWD District Ditch No. 10, RLWD Project No. 161. Eleven bids were received. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Stanley, and passed by unanimous vote that contingent upon review and approval by Legal Counsel Sparby and JPB Engineer Jim Hest, the Board accept the apparent low bid from Olson Construction TRF, Inc. in the amount of \$145,810.10.

The allocation of funding for the Erosion Control project budget, within the Administrative Construction fund, was discussed. The consensus of the Board would be that each financial request would be addressed at time of request and at the discretion of the Board.

Administrator Jesme stated that he had received a voicemail reply from John Weiland of Orofino, Idaho rejecting the offer of \$22,000 for his land in the Brandt Impoundment site. Consensus of the Board was to have Administrator Jesme contact him and request that he submit an appraisal for the land or other evidence supporting his request for more money.

Administrator Jesme presented his written report to the board. Items noted from his report are: Polk County Ditch 40 Improvement ditch petition will be able to proceed when additional signatures are received on one parcel; a meeting with various interested parties will be held at Camp Moe on April 6; a 2005 Ford F-150 pickup has been ordered and that a chrome bumper rather than a painted one was added bringing the quote to \$13,840.00 but still under the second quote received; and a brochure for the Ninth Annual Watershed Conference in Mitchell Kentucky on May 22-25, 2005 was distributed.

HDR Engineer Nate Dalager updated the Board on the Red Lake Watershed District's Ten Year Overall Comprehensive Plan. The Draft Plan will be complete for the TAC and CAC's review at their meeting April 21, 2005.

Administrator Jesme reported on the MAWD Legislative Breakfast that he and Managers Tiedemann and Carlson attended. They met with Representatives Brita Sailer, Maxine Penas, and Bernie Lieder, and Senators LeRoy Stumpf and Rod Skoe.

Forms from the Polk County Farm Service Agency (FSA) for CRP land acreage changes to Paul Hoff's land in the Louisville-Parnell impoundment site were reviewed. The Board approved the changes and President Orville Knott signed the forms for return to the West Polk FSA office in Crookston for action.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby stated he had received a return call from the landowner delinquent in paying his cost share of a ring dike. The landowner stated that he would be

meeting with Administrator Jesme and Engineering Assistant Loren Sanderson regarding some questions on the past construction of the dike.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.


Vernon Johnson, Secretary